



STARTLING FACTS

UNSPEAKABLY ROTTEN

Legislatures Influenced By Big Insurance Concerns.

DIRECTORS MERE FIGUREHEADS

Equitable, New York Life and Mutual Life Form Pool to Control Legislation Is Testimony Given by Prominent Official—"It Was All Hyde."

New York, Sept. 29.—When the legislative committee on insurance investigation adjourned today until next Wednesday it concluded a week in which greater progress had been made than in any week since the investigation began. The testimony of the witnesses that had been called during the week has been replete with sensations, and that of Friday was no exception to the rule. In the afternoon session Alfred W. Main, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, disclosed that the Equitable Life Mutual Life and the New York Life companies had formed a pool to look after legislation in the various state legislatures. Andrew Hamilton of Maine testified that he looked after the legislative matters of all the companies in the states west of Ohio. The witness told of an agreement whereby a special counsel was employed by one company in its territory and the expense was shared by all. He was asked if the campaign contributions came under his observation, and he replied that they did not. He said he had never heard of any money being paid to influence legislation. Edward L. Devlin, the real estate manager of the New York Life for the United States and Canada was called to testify as to the cost of the buildings in Paris. He had only transcripts of the reports of this department which had been made to the home office, but it was brought out that the Paris building is carried on the books of the company at a valuation of \$1,102,004, which accounts, with the original costs and improvements on the building in actual money to the amount of \$2,533,104 was paid, over one million being charged off valuation on the books of the company. Devlin said the net income on the building to the New York Life, was one and one half per cent on the actual amount invested in the building, or between three and three and one half per cent on amount at which the building was carried on the books of the company. Not the least important development of the day was the appearance on the stand of Jacob H. Schiff, head of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & company. Schiff vigorously defended his attitude while a director of the Equitable and claimed that his firm had acted in a conscientious manner in all dealings with the society. At the conclusion of his

testimony, Schiff made an impassioned attack on the state superintendent of insurance and the statements he made concerning the Kuhn, Loeb & company during the investigation of the Equitable. During his testimony Schiff made a charge that the minutes of the finance committee regarding a certain meeting was false. Later he qualified this however, by saying that if the transactions under consideration in the Union Pacific preferred, was actually made, he did not hear it, although he was present at the meeting. Again during the testimony regarding the power of the finance committee of the Equitable society, Schiff waxed warm in explanation, and said the entire committee was at the mercy of one man. "It was all Hyde," said Schiff, "all Hyde and Alexander. Mr. Hyde wrote the messages regarding the offers made by the firm for participation in the syndicates; Hyde signed all the receipts and Hyde wrote all the letters." He said his position of director in the Equitable was that of a negligible quantity, that the directors were mere figureheads.

Spokane, Sept. 29.—Boomer Weeks, a Spokane fireman, outpointed and out-fought Frank Gotch in a 12-round bout at the Spokane Amateur Athletic club tonight, but Gotch outwrestled Weeks and thereby saved himself from disaster. Weeks floored Gotch in the 10th round, but Gotch stayed 12 rounds and the bout, by previous agreement was called a draw.

GERMANY INTERESTED

Is Watching Results of Insurance Investigation.

Supervising Officer of Private Insurance Has Applied to German Representative Also Directly to This Government for Information.

Berlin, Sept. 29.—The German government is watching with keen interest the investigation now being conducted by a committee of the New York legislature into the affairs and conduct of the American insurance companies and is taking steps to keep itself fully informed regarding the results of the investigation. According to the Cologne Gazette, a supervising officer for private insurance has applied to the German representative in the United States as well as directly to the American government for information on the subject.

PERISHES IN FLAMES

New York, Sept. 29.—One man was burned to death and two fatally burned tonight as a result of a fire in a lodging house on West street tonight. It is thought that there are others whose bodies have not been found.

NEGLIGENCE CHARGED

COMPANY IS CENSURED

Coroner's Jury Places the Blame for Short Line Wreck.

TRAIN CREW VIOLATE ORDERS

After Three Days Continuous Session Jury Places Blame for Oregon Short Line Collision on Crew of Second Section of Train No. 1.

Weiser, Sept. 29.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the head-on collision on the Oregon Short Line railroad near this city on the morning of the 23rd inst., in which Mail Clerk J. W. Harrison and Fireman Edward Revilstead were killed, reached a verdict this afternoon after a three days continuous session. The jury found the engineer, conductor and brakeman of the second section of the passenger train No. 1, responsible for the accident by their violation of train orders for that date and disobeying certain operating rules of the company. The Oregon Short Line was found negligent in the enforcement of its operating rules, and censured therefor.

RICHARDS MAKES REPORT

17,057,064 Acres of Public and Indian Lands Disposed of This Year. Washington, Sept. 29.—Commissioner Richards, of the general land office today forwarded to the secretary of the interior his annual report covering the fiscal year ending June 30 last. It shows that during the year 16,979,500 acres of public lands and 77,546 acres of Indian lands were disposed of, a total exceeding that for 1904 by 630,000 acres. Of the public lands disposed of 12,895,571 were entered under the homestead law, 696,677 under the timber land and stone law, 711,124 under the desert land law, and 585,507 acres of swamp lands were patented.

RUSSIAN FOUND HANGING TO LIMB

Becomes Homesick and Ends Life in a Shocking Manner. Aberdeen, Sept. 29.—A ghastly find, made this morning by two Finns, in the discovery of the dead body of a man swaying from the limb of a tree near the Michigan mill. The body was cut down, and was identified as that of Charley Hibala, a Russian Finn, who had been missing for a week. He was last seen with an old man named Peterson, but there is no suspicion of foul play, as there is every indication of suicide. The man evidently tied a slip noose in the rope, climbed the tree and fastening the end of the rope to a limb, placed the nose about his neck and jumped. His hat was jarred off by his fall and his toes touched the ground. He had probably been hanging for a week when found. He was about 27 years old and had been suffering from homesickness. Was unmarried and resided with a brother.

WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

St. Louis, Sept. 29.—The dead body of Mill Nellie West Long was found in a room at the Burlington Hotel today, she having committed suicide with morphine.

LUMBER PRICES ADVANCED

Pacific Coast Association Boosts Prices of Lumber and Laths.

Seattle, Sept. 29.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers association, which was held today it was voted to advance the spruce lumber list \$1 per thousand, and laths 25c per thousand. This action is subject to ratification by the Southwestern Washington Manufacturers association. J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific, advised the association that there would be no increase in freight rates to Minneapolis. There have been many stories that the rates would be increased and the communication from Woodworth was in reply to a formal interrogation on the subject.

CASE ALMOST HOPELESS

Chicago, Sept. 29.—It has been decided by the physicians in attendance upon President Harper of the University of Chicago, that nothing can save his life but a surgical operation of an heroic character. It is admitted that there is practically no chance of saving his life unless the cancer, which is killing him, can be checked by the removal of the large intestine. The surgeons will make an examination in a few days to decide upon the advisability of an operation. It is admitted that the chances are greatly against the permanent relief of the patient even if the operation is performed.

SCH. MURIEL IS DAMAGED

Strikes Government Breakwater at San Pedro Harbor.

Lost Her Bearings Owing to Heavy Sand Storm and Has Great Hole Torn in Her Side—Completely Water Logged—Lumber Laden.

San Pedro, Sept. 29.—The four-masted schooner Muriel, 483 tons, Captain Wykender, master, bound from Grays harbor to San Pedro, laden with 700,000 feet of lumber, crashed into the government breakwater at the entrance of San Pedro harbor last night, and was greatly damaged. The Muriel now lies off the Southern Pacific wharf. She is completely waterlogged, her decks being flush with the water line. The Muriel lost her bearings in the heavy weather, a sandstorm obscuring everything. She crashed into breakwater "bow on" and a big hole was torn in her port side. The tug Warrior was sent to the Muriel's assistance, and after much difficulty she was towed into the harbor.

CARNEGIE FAVORS ALLIANCE.

Paris, Sept. 29.—The Echo de Paris prints an article signed by Andrew Carnegie in which the writer argues in favor of an alliance between the United States, France and Great Britain for the safeguarding of the peace of the world. He author denominates the countries named as "the three republics, two uncrowned and one crowned."

COMMISSIONERS MEET HILL.

Seattle, Sept. 29.—Chairman H. A. Fairchild and John S. McMillan, of the Washington railway commission, will meet James J. Hill and party in this city tomorrow to take up the question of the power of the commission to fix joint rates. In the two cases now pending before the commission, the railway companies, including the Great Northern, have disputed the power of the board to make such rates.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 29.—Saturday: Showers with increasing cloudiness.

SITUATION IS CLEARER

STATEMENT IS ISSUED

King-Emperor Makes Effort to Pacify His Subjects.

MAY FORM A NEW CABINET

Some Way Out of Difficulty Must Be Speedily Found If Revolution Is to Be Avoided—Expulsion of the Socialist Students Demanded.

Buda Pest, Sept. 29.—The situation is becoming clearer, evidence is accumulating that both the coalition leaders and the king and emperor are earnestly endeavoring to find a way out of the difficulty. Statements have been issued, emanating, it is understood, directly from the entourage of the king-emperor, denying any intention on the part of the crown of wounding the Hungarian national susceptibilities. The leaders and the king-emperor realize that some way out of the present situation must be reached at an early date as otherwise the economic condition of Hungary will become so bad that serious disturbances cannot be avoided, if indeed a real revolution does not break out. The fact that Count Albin Czaky, president of the upper house of the Hungarian diet, has been summoned to an audience of the king-emperor next Saturday, is not considered here as implying that the count will necessarily be invited to form a cabinet. On the contrary, there is a disposition in many quarters to believe that Baron Fejervary may be reappointed to the premiership. The latter is now understood to support the contention that Hungary has the right to establish independent customs in her territory. This has created a favorable impression. Count Apponyi, who is inclined to the view that a solution of the Hungarian crisis will be found, suggests that the formal liberal premier Koloman de Szell will be nominated by the king-emperor to negotiate with the coalition.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Seattle, Sept. 29.—Seattle, 4; Portland, 0. San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Los Angeles, 3; San Francisco, 0. Spokane, Sept. 29.—Oakland, 3; Tacoma, 3.

WASHINGTON SHINGLE MANUFACTURERS ORGANIZE

Seattle, Sept. 29.—A Shingle Mills working committee a resolution was adopted ordering the closing down of all mills during the months of December and January next. The following officers were elected: President, D. W. Bass; vice president, W. M. Balcom; secretary, Earl Pooler; treasurer, A. W. Mackie.

LIQUOR MEN COMPLAIN

Sue Railroads on Account of Alleged Discrimination in Rates.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The interstate commerce commission today set for hearing on October 26, the case of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers association against the Atchafalpa, Topoka & Santa Fe railroad, and 30 other roads, including practically all the principal lines in the United States. The complaint involves the alleged discriminating freight charges on alcohol, high wines, and spirits and the rate on whisky from the east and middle west points to the Pacific coast.

MILLIONAIRE COMMITS SUICIDE

Shoots Himself Through the Head, the Cause Is Unknown.

New York, Sept. 29.—William B. Travers, millionaire, and man of leisure, the son of the celebrated Wall street operator, William A. Travers, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head, at his apartments in Madison avenue. The suicide is inexplicable as Travers was in the prime of life, enjoyed fair health, and was possessed of a large fortune. Mr. Travers married Miss Lilly Harriman, a sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. The couple separated three years ago, Mrs. Travers going to Paris to live. Travers was an uncle of Mrs. Clarence Mackay. He had two sisters, Mrs. James Wadsworth, of Genesee, N. Y., and Mrs. Walter Gay, who is now living in Paris.

STATEMENT IS DENIED

Governor Pardee Misquoted as to Graft Charges.

Says That California Commissioners Are Satisfied With Method of Making Awards at Portland Exposition—Exhibits Not to Be Withdrawn.

Sacramento, Sept. 29.—Governor Pardee today denied the newspaper publication crediting him with having made a statement that grafting is going on at the Portland exposition in the matter of awards and that the California commission had withdrawn its exhibits from competition. Governor Pardee said: "It was reported to me that a Mr. Furlong had said that substantially, and I replied in effect that if such was the fact that the California exhibits would have to be withdrawn. I am still of that opinion. Commissioners Fletcher and Wiggins informed me that they have not been withdrawn, which shows me that they are satisfied with the conditions which I know they would not be if the awards were matters of graft."

RETURN FROM VANCOUVER

Bellingham, Sept. 29.—A special train bearing President Hill of the Great Northern and President Elliott of the Northern Pacific, arrived here this afternoon on their return from Vancouver, B. C., where they went last night. They left here later for Seattle.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT TO BE ESTABLISHED AT SHANGHAI

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—A permanent industrial commercial exhibit will soon be established at Shanghai, China, by Marcus Cref, of that place, who is here perfecting arrangements. It is said by promoters that the exhibit will enhance the merchant commerce by properly introducing and ad-

vertising American goods among the Chinese merchants. The plan is endorsed by the department of commerce and labor and Secretary of War Taft, approves of the method of promoting trading with the Orient. The proposed exhibit will be in operation by the close of the Chinese new year in February.